

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 28, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

##### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 48, 1/19/2015; HB 220, 1/19/2015

00:00:01 Chair Essmann  
00:01:28 Rep. Mandeville  
00:01:53 Chair Essmann  
00:01:59 Rep. Mandeville  
00:02:02 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:34 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 48, Establish on-line voter registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:59 Chair Essmann  
00:04:12 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a04\)](#)  
00:10:02 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators (MACREA)  
00:10:39 Chair Essmann  
00:10:42 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
00:11:33 Chair Essmann  
00:11:38 Audrey Dufrechou, Lewis and Clark County  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a05\)](#)  
00:18:48 Chair Essmann  
00:19:00 Joy Bruck, AARP Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(sth19a06\)](#)  
00:20:08 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:20:20 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)  
00:21:35 Chair Essmann

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:48 Rep. Garner  
00:22:03 Chair Essmann  
00:22:08 Audrey Dufrechou, Lewis and Clark County  
00:22:12 Rep. Garner  
00:22:35 Audrey Dufrechou, Lewis and Clark County  
00:23:05 Rep. Garner  
00:23:12 Audrey Dufrechou, Lewis and Clark County  
00:23:17 Rep. Garner  
00:23:45 Audrey Dufrechou, Lewis and Clark County  
00:24:06 Rep. Wittich  
00:25:28 Linda McCulloch, SOS

00:25:42 Rep. Wittich  
00:26:10 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:26:40 Rep. Wittich  
00:27:11 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:27:31 Rep. Wittich  
00:27:36 Chair Essmann  
00:27:41 Rep. Wittich  
00:28:00 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:28:11 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)  
00:29:03 Rep. Wittich  
00:29:12 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
00:29:51 Rep. Wittich  
00:30:13 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
00:30:25 Chair Essmann  
00:30:29 Rep. Greef  
00:31:12 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:31:35 Rep. Lamm  
00:32:01 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:32:14 Rep. Lamm  
00:32:31 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:32:57 Chair Essmann  
00:33:03 Rep. Lamm  
00:33:17 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:33:25 Rep. Harris  
00:34:23 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
00:35:13 Rep. Harris  
00:35:32 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
00:36:15 Rep. Harris  
00:36:40 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
00:37:47 Chair Essmann  
00:39:03 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:39:44 Chair Essmann  
00:40:04 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:40:24 Chair Essmann  
00:40:43 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:41:03 Chair Essmann  
00:41:08 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:41:14 Chair Essmann  
00:41:27 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:41:32 Chair Essmann  
00:42:41 Sarah Garcia, MVD  
00:42:55 Lisa Wanke, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)  
00:44:29 Chair Essmann  
00:44:55 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
00:45:19 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:26 Rep. Custer  
00:46:45 Chair Essmann

00:48:27 Vice Chair Schreiner

**HEARING ON HB 220**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:34 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 220, Revise recall provision laws for local and district elected officials.

**EXHIBIT(sth19a07)**

**EXHIBIT(sth19a08)**

00:54:51 Vice Chair Schreiner

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:55:23 Allan Underdal, Toole County

01:00:58 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:01:09 Allan Underdal, Toole County

01:03:28 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:03:42 Allan Underdal, Toole County

01:05:27 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:05:33 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT(sth19a09)**

01:19:13 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:19:22 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana (SBM)

01:21:16 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:21:21 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

01:21:52 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:21:57 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

01:25:23 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:25:28 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court and Montana Magistrates' Association

01:25:59 Vice Chair Schreiner

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:26:15 Rep. Garner

01:26:39 Rep. Essmann

01:28:44 Rep. Garner

01:28:52 Rep. Essmann

01:30:26 Rep. Garner

01:31:11 Rep. Essmann

01:31:32 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:31:37 Rep. Wittich

01:33:05 Rep. Essmann

01:34:19 Rep. Wittich

01:35:36 Rep. Essmann

01:36:04 Rep. Wittich

01:36:34 Rep. Essmann  
01:36:40 Rep. Hayman  
01:37:05 Rep. Essmann  
01:37:33 Rep. Hayman  
01:37:44 Rep. Essmann  
01:37:54 Rep. Hayman  
01:39:04 Rep. Essmann  
01:40:21 Rep. B. Bennett  
01:41:28 Rep. Essmann  
01:42:14 Rep. Harris  
01:43:45 Rep. Essmann  
01:44:27 Rep. Harris  
01:45:22 Rep. Essmann  
01:46:24 Rep. Mandeville  
01:47:10 Harold Blattie, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:42 Rep. Essmann  
  
01:50:24 Vice Chair Schreiner  
01:50:48 Chair Essmann  
01:51:41 Rep. Lamm  
01:51:52 Chair Essmann  
01:51:57 Rep. Swanson  
01:52:07 Chair Essmann  
01:52:14 Vice Chair Schreiner  
01:52:35 Chair Essmann  
01:53:54 Vice Chair Schreiner  
01:54:10 Chair Essmann  
01:54:50 Vice Chair Schreiner  
01:54:59 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:55:10 (9:56 AM)

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth19aad.pdf](#))**